

## **North Springs (North Line Extension)**

**Atlanta, Georgia**

(November 2002)

### **Description**

The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) has constructed a 2.3-mile, two-station heavy rail extension of the North Line from north of the Dunwoody Station to North Springs. The extension connects the North Line segment from Buckhead to Dunwoody, which opened in June 1996. The North Line Extension will serve the rapidly growing area north of Atlanta, including Perimeter Center and north Fulton County. The project includes 56 vehicles and a parking deck at each new station. Daily ridership on the rail extension in 2005 is estimated at 33,000 riders, including 11,000 new riders.

The total project cost under the amended Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) is \$463.18 million. The Section 5309 New Starts funding share for this project is \$370.54 million.

### **Status**

On April 11, 1991, the Final Environmental Impact Statement was completed and the Record of Decision was issued on August 6, 1991. In December 1994, MARTA and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) entered into an FFGA for the extension from Dunwoody through North Springs.

Section 3030(d)(2) of TEA-21 further authorized FTA to amend the 1994 FFGA for project scope changes, including the purchase of the 28 additional rapid rail cars from amounts authorized by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991. The expanded scope requirements are needed to address the increases of estimated service levels and station parking enhancements as well as right-of-way impacts stemming from the proposed widening of the adjacent GA 400 limited access highway. The 1994 FFGA was amended on March 2, 2000, with a Section 5309 New Starts funding commitment of \$370.54 million and a revenue operations date of December 31, 2000. Revenue operations began in December 2000. Vehicle delivery is underway and should be completed by December 2002 with the delivery of the 56<sup>th</sup> rail car.

TEA-21 Section 3030(a)(3) authorizes the Atlanta-North Line Extension for Final Design and construction. Through FY 2002, a total of \$354.34 million in Section 5309 New Starts funds has been provided to the project (\$335.97 million in Congressional appropriations and \$18.37 million in prior year de-obligated funds).

| <b>Reported in Year of Expenditure Dollars</b>                |   |   |
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| <b><u>Source of Funds</u></b>                                 | <b><u>Total Funding<br/>(million)</u></b> | <b><u>Appropriations to Date</u></b>              |
| <b>Federal:</b><br>Section 5309 New Starts<br>FFGA Commitment | \$370.54                                  | \$354.34 million appropriated through<br>FY 2002* |
| <b>Local:</b><br>Regional Sales Tax                           | \$ 92.64                                  |   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$463.18</b>                           |   |

**NOTE:** Total may not add due to rounding.

Section 3030(d)(2) of TEA-21 authorizes FTA funding for project scope changes. These changes are reflected in a scope amendment to the North Line Extension FFGA. The cost of the enhancements is included in the funding totals displayed above.

\*The appropriations to date reported above include \$18.37 million in prior year de-obligated funds that are not included in the FFGA commitment.

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